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In case any of the historians present had moral qualms about the uses to which their work would be put, [REDACTED] assured them that their research "begins and ends with a piece of paper." They were pure scholars engaging in traditional research. At one point a member of the audience expressed interest in employment with the agency, but feared that what he called his Marxist approach to history might make him ineligible. [REDACTED] quickly assured him that a Marxist had a place in the CIA. As if to convince the audience that the agency held modern views, [REDACTED] added that the CIA would employ individuals who engaged in "a moderate amount of social smoking of marijuana," although the use of hard drugs would be a bar to employment.

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COMMENT:

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While the continuing moderate social ^{USE}~~risk~~ of marijuana is not medically disqualifying per se, an applicant (or an employee with the Agency) who claims such usage would be evaluated carefully by a psychiatrist as to the underlying emotional determinants involved, ~~in such usage~~. An appropriate decision would then be made by OMS on that case. We do understand that the Office of Security warns an applicant claiming continuing moderate social use of marijuana against such usage as an Agency employee. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that in the case of Agency employees, the question is hypothetical.

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Remarks:

John - The attached report quotes an Agency employee on relaxed attitudes in CIA concerning marijuana. I had understood that we no longer considered past use of marijuana as disqualifying, but I've never asked about current use. What standard do we apply, and what action do we take when an applicant (or an employee) claims continuing, moderate social use of marijuana?

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